

FARM AND PIRESIDE.

—Red ants will never be found in closets or drawers if a small bag of sulphur is kept in these places. —*Boston Post.*

—Thorough cultivation of corn and potatoes often repeated will be found a safe protection against drouth. —*Cincinnati Times.*

—Make a harness fit properly and a horse can wear it without distress, provided that it is also kept decently clean and comfortably so. —*Essex.*

—Cure for Hiccough: A teaspoonful of granulated sugar moistened with pure vinegar will generally remedy that annoying complaint, hiccough. —*Toledo Blade.*

—Raised Waffles: One quart of flour, one pint of sweet milk, two eggs, a tablespoonful of melted butter, one teaspoonful of salt, half cup of yeast; bake in waffle iron well heated and greased. —*The Household.*

—Have you occasion to dig up any sods along the roadside, under the fences or in any part of the garden? Save them. Spread a layer of sods and sprinkle on a light dressing of potash (ashes) and bones; then another layer of sods, then ashes and bones, etc., until the heap is completed. This will give you a perfect soil for flower pots. —*Prairie Farmer.*

—A practical housekeeper says if the necessity of mending bread be imperative, the most unobtrusive means may be obtained by using a warm knife for the purpose. The heating of the steel prevents the chill which causes the bread to look so well known to those who have been compelled to eat the warm loaf. A napkin should be laid on the plate upon which the slices are placed. —*N. Y. Times.*

—Brown Gems: Three cups of granulated sugar and one white (priced) pint of milk, mixed with one of boiling water, four eggs, one tablespoonful of brown sugar, half teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of melted butter. Sift both kinds of flour with the salt twice into a bowl and wet with the milk and water; whip the eggs light, add sugar and butter and beat thoroughly into the dough; bake in heated graham pans in a brick oven and eat hot. —*The Caterer.*

—The guinea fowl is a great forager, and destroys many insects that the hens will not touch. They do not scratch in the garden, and, though not easily kept near the house, they make known the places where they lay by a peculiar noise, and, being so easily accustomed to them to find all the eggs they lay. They really cost nothing to raise, and when roosting near the house create an alarm should intruders make their appearance. —*N. Y. Telegram.*

—Chamois skin may be cleaned by rubbing it in plenty of soft soap and then laying it for two hours in a weak solution of soda and warm water. At the end of this time rub it until it is quite clean, rinsing it in clean warm water, in which soda and yellow soap have been dissolved. It should then be wrung dry in a rough towel, pulled and brushed. This process makes the leather soft and pliable. It should never be rinsed in clear water. The soapy water causes it to become soft. —*Chicago Tribune.*

—Corn-starch Cake: Two cups sugar, one cup butter, rubbed to a cream; one cup milk, two cups flour, three eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, one-half cup corn-starch, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, sifted well through the flour; one teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in water; mix the corn-starch with the flour, and add the last thing. Bake in small tins and eat while fresh. They dry in two or three days and become insipid, but are very nice for twenty-four hours after they are baked. —*Boston Budget.*

THE BEST HEN.

Quality in Eggs Quite as Important as Quantity.

We are accustomed to counting our eggs from the hens, yet the hen that lays the largest number of eggs may not be the most productive. It is as unreasonable to estimate the value of a hen by the number of her eggs as it is to consider all apples alike, for those who compare a pipkin with a crab apple will make a distinction in both quantity and quality. Two ounces is perhaps the average weight of eggs, but if any one will examine a basket of eggs it will be noticed that the eggs are of all shapes, sizes and colors. So far as marking the eggs is concerned the small eggs seem to sell nearly as well as the larger ones, especially if they are mixed with those of large size, but what we wish to call attention to is the fact that it costs more, in the shape of food, to produce a large egg than it does for a small one. The hen that lays one hundred eggs weighing two ounces each, is not as valuable, so far as actual production is considered, as the hen laying seventy-five eggs weighing three ounces each, yet but few give this a single thought, and sacrifice the better hen under the mistaken supposition that she is not as productive as the one that lays a larger number. While this may not amount to anything when eggs are sent to market, yet it is a very important consideration where the eggs are used at home. The housekeeper who makes two eggs do the service of three readily perceives the difference, and it is a strong point in selling eggs by weight instead of by the dozen, which latter is an unfair mode of buying and selling. —*Farm, Field and Stockman.*

The Fly as a Purifier.

Of what use is this troublesome customer? The fly does his part in the great and important work of purification, seeing with his ten thousand eyes things that would pass unnoticed by us, eagerly devouring his appropriate food. This he finds in the smallest atoms of animal and vegetable matter, too small to be noticed by the tidy housekeeper, which otherwise would be permitted to putrefy, contaminating the air. We may imagine that he circles about in the air with no definite object in view, but if we will carefully watch him we shall be convinced that he has an object, collecting his food, atoms of impure or decaying matter which otherwise would enter our lungs, adding to the impurity of our blood. This fly is collected on his wings and head, for as we know he scrapes his wings and his head with his legs and feet, passing the gathered morsels from foot to foot, the front pair passing his dinner to his mouth. The fly also teaches us the value of sunlight, not only to cheer, but to purify the air, for he does not go to sleep in a dark room. While the parlor is darkened he seeks a dark place for his repose. —*Albion (Pa.) National Educator.*

ABOUT URUGUAY.

A Country That Holds North Wonderful Inducements to Emigrants.

From the combined effects of the immense emigration from Europe, the volume of which is rather increasing than otherwise, and the steady extension of railway communication, an industrial transformation is in progress in these regions which has scarcely attracted any attention at home, although it involves consequences of serious import to your farmers and to holders of Government stocks and railway investments. Hitherto the Argentine provinces and Uruguay have been regarded in Europe as purely pastoral; and for many years to come that, no doubt, must necessarily remain the predominant industry. But while "Estancias" have been carrying on at their former borders, the districts bordering the embouchure of the River Plate and Uruguay, and which are within reasonable distance of the shipping ports by river or rail, are slowly but surely becoming essentially agricultural. The European emigrants, who mostly belong to the class of sturdy soldiers, a competence in this country of high wages, and invest their savings in land, which they acquire, in fee simple, at prices often lower than the rental charge at home. Soil and climate, over a region as large as England, are pre-eminently adapted to agriculture and the cultivation of cereals, etc. The expense of reclaiming the prairie is a trifle, and local taxation scarcely worth naming. The farms vary from twenty to two hundred acres, and as they are cultivated by the families of the settlers, the occasional assistance from relatives or friends from Europe, the cost of production is reduced to a minimum. Certainly they are much lower than in North America. Already production is far in excess of local requirements (which used to be furnished by the States), and our wheat and linseed cargoes are now competing in Europe with those from America and India. But these supplies are merely the "avant couriers" of what will follow; for our potential capacity of production of animal food, no less than of cereals and seeds, is practically without limit, and in a present increasing in a ratio which your hard-bested farmers can not afford to ignore. From community of race and language it is quite rational that agricultural development in North America should attract chief attention at home; but the South American settlers, an agricultural development less in degree is in active progress. Although the settlers have less of the consuming energy of the British race, they are equally industrious and far more frugal, and are certain to become formidable competitors for the food supply of Europe. They are already clinging to the railways, on which they are prospering. As in North America, they made the roads and from their earnings are enabled to buy land on either side of the lines, where available. Consequently they are becoming the largest contributors of traffic, and the result is that our railways are at present the most remunerative in the world, and promise to be more so in the future, from the rapid settlement of the country and from the absence of competition by new lines. The completed lines are paying higher dividends and their stock is doing better than any other in the market. The lines in course of construction promise to be equally remunerative.

Cattle-breeding for the prepared meat exportation is making rapid progress, and is likely to surpass in importance even that done now in wool. Our mutton in the carcases has already become well known in England and France, and as to live-stock, if suitable steamers, such as are employed in conveying Canadian cattle, take up the trade, we can easily ship to Europe two million head a month without sensibly diminishing our flocks and herds, which are at present increasing in compound proportion. —*Dundee Oriental C. J. London News.*

CARL DUNDER.

He Invests in a Chestnut Tree and Meets a Blood-Thirsty Stranger.

"Well, what is it now?" queried Sergeant Benda at the Woodbridge street station yesterday, as the old man Dunder slipped off his hat.

"Well, I like to haf you gaze on me."

"Certainly. You've got a black eye, a puffed-up nose and other proofs of being knocked down by a five-story building."

"My friend, you was wrong. Do you know this article here?"

"I do. Those are the remains of a 'chestnut' tree."

"Indeed? Sergeant. Shake some to me, old der day and says: 'Fadder, you must get some chestnut bell and pin on your vest. Eaferybody who has sharp has a chestnut bell, and when somebody says it was a hot day he rings that bell and walks off. Vell, Shakes has one, und all der boys haf one, und so I buy me a chestnut bell.'"

"I begin to see."

"I practice awhile mit der old women. If she says it was hot or cold, or if she wants money or calls me to get some cold, I rings that bell on her. By und by I goes up to der city hall to see if my axes was, due. I meet a man who says he likes to go oaf to Canada by der ferry und I rings that bell on him."

"It was a good joke."

"Vell, I dunno. If somebody calls you names und knocks you down vvas that a joke? He bro my head und my chestnut bell, und I don't get out for three days. Say, Sergeant."

"Yes."

"I goes home to ring that bell on my son Shakes. I was going to feed him chestnuts until he doan' shake me any more. Twenty years, but he vvas one. Someoned told me how I come out mit der stranger, und he doan' like to see me. May be you see him. If you do tell him to come home. Tell him we let chestnuts go und begin all oaf again." —*Detroit Free Press.*

Dressing of Wounds.

Nature's method of protecting wounds is by the process of soabing; and although almost a matter of routine in surgical practice to remove from a disfigured face or wounded head the crust that nature provides as a dressing, it is best to leave such crusts undisturbed whenever possible, and if desirable simply to cover them with something better looking. Lint, or tulle, or this muslin, and collodion, forms one of the best dressings for simple lacerated and much less for lacerated wounds, which have ever been devised. —*Pharmaceutical Journal.*

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